

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A water-soluble or dispersible, non-hydrolysable polysaccharide (NHP), having at least one first polymeric textile benefit species bonded thereto by a hydrolytically stable bond and a second textile benefit species which is not covalently bonded thereto.

Claim 2 (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first polymeric textile benefit species is a first polymeric textile softening species (FPSS).

Claim 3 (Original) A composition according to claim 2 wherein the bond between the FPSS and the polysaccharide is such that the decay rate constant (k_d) of the material in an aqueous solution at 0.01 wt% of the material together with 0.1 wt% of anionic surfactant at a temperature of 40°C at a pH of 10.5 is such that $k_d < 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of claims 1-3~~claim 1 wherein the NHP has a backbone comprising β_{1-4} linkages.

Claim 5 (Original) A composition according to claim 4 wherein the NHP is a poly-glucan, poly-mannan, gluco-mannan or a mixture thereof.

Claim 6 (Original) A composition according to claim 5 wherein the NHP is a galacto-mannan, xylo-glucan or a mixture thereof.

Claim 7 (Original) A composition according to claim 6 wherein the NHP is locust bean gum, tamarind xyloglucan, guar gum or mixture thereof.

| Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A composition according to ~~any of the claims 2-7~~claim 2 wherein first polymeric textile softening species (FPSS) is a silicone.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the second textile benefit species is a second polymeric textile softening species (SPSS).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 9 wherein the SPSS is a silicone.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 10 wherein the SPSS has a dynamic viscosity of >2,500 mPas.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 9 wherein the ratio of the NHP with the FPSS bonded thereto to the SPSS is in the range 1:100 to 1:5 parts by weight, preferably 1:20-1:10 parts by weight.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 10 comprising NHP with FPSS bonded thereto, and optionally SPSS, as the dispersed phase of an emulsion.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 13 further comprising an emulsifying agent.

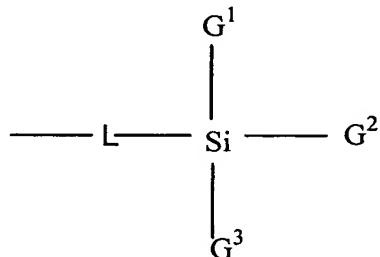
Claim 15 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 14 wherein the emulsifying agent comprises a non-ionic surfactant.

| Claim 16 (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 12-14~~claim 12 wherein the emulsion is 30 to 99.9%, preferably 40 to 99% of another liquid component, preferably a polar solvent, most preferably water.

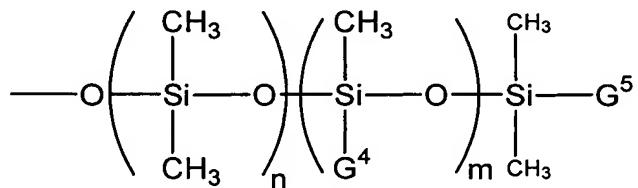
| Claim 17 (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in ~~any of claims 2-16~~claim 2 wherein the FPSS is a silicone selected from polydialkyl siloxanes, amine derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein the silicone chain(s) on the substituted polysaccharide have an average degree of substitution of from 0.001 to 0.5, preferably 0.01 to 0.5, more preferably from 0.01 to 0.1, even more preferably from 0.01 to 0.05.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 17, wherein the silicone chain(s) in the substituted polysaccharide is or are independently selected from those of formula:



wherein L is absent or is a linking group and one or two of substituents G¹-G³ is a methyl group, the remainder being selected from groups of formula



the -Si(CH₃)₂O- groups and the -Si(CH₃O)(G⁴)- groups being arranged in random or block fashion, but preferably random.

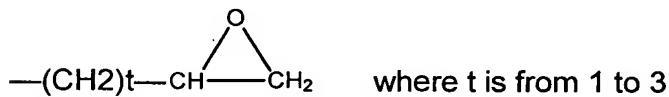
wherein n is from 5 to 1000, preferably from 10 to 200 and m is from 0 to 100, preferably from 0 to 20, for example from 1 to 20.

G^4 is selected from groups of formula:

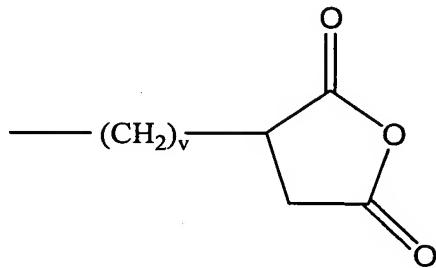
$—(CH_2)_p—CH_3$, where p is from 1 to 18

$—(CH_2)_q—NH—(CH_2)_r—NH_2$ where q and r are independently from 1 to 3

$—(CH_2)_s—NH_2$, where s is from 1 to 3



$—(CH_2)_u—COOH$, where u is from 1 to 10,



where v is from 1 to 10, and

$—(CH_2—CH_2O)_w—(CH_2)_x—H$, where w is from 1 to 150, preferably from 10 to 20 and x is from 0 to 10;

and G⁵ is independently selected from hydrogen, groups defined above for G⁴, —OH, —CH₃ and —C(CH₃)₃.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 19, where L is selected from amide linkages, ester linkages, ether linkages, urethane linkages, triazine linkages, carbonate linkages, amine linkages and ester-alkylene linkages.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A laundry treatment composition comprising a composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 and at least one further component.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) A laundry treatment composition as claimed in claim 21, wherein the further component comprises a surfactant.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended) Use of a composition as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~claim 1 to enhance the softening benefit of a laundry treatment composition on a substrate.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) A laundry treatment composition comprising: 1-60%wt of a surfactant, and 0.001-25%wt of an emulsion comprising (a) a water-soluble or dispersible, non-hydrolysable polysaccharide selected from the group consisting of poly-glucan, poly-mannan, gluco-mannan and mixtures thereof, said polysaccharide being covalently linked by a hydrolytically stable bond to a first polymeric textile softening species, and (b) a second polymeric textile softening species.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented) A laundry treatment composition according to claim 24 wherein the first and second polymeric textile softening species are silicones.